

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A first frame supports one of a platen and a dot-impact type print head. A second frame supports the other one of the platen and the print head.

5 The second frame is supported by the first frame so as to be pivotable between a first position and a second position. The first position is a position where the print head opposes to the platen to define a printing position at which printing is performed on a printing medium through an ink ribbon which are placed between the print head and the platen. The second position is a
10 position where the print head and the platen are not opposed to each other.

The printing medium which has been passed through the printing position is discharged from a discharge port. A first path for guiding the printing medium is defined by a first member provided on the first frame and a second member provided on the second frame so as to extend through the printing position to
15 the discharge port, in a case where the second frame is placed at the first position. A second path for guiding the ink ribbon to be placed at the printing position is defined by a third member and a fourth member provided on the first frame so as to branch from a downstream portion of the printing position.